

Coins

There's 1980 action ahead, with thanks to Uncle Sam.

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THE NEW YEAR promises to be exciting for coin collectors, thanks in large part to Uncle Sam. Here's a chronological rundown of some things to watch for in 1980:

- More than 900,000 Carson City silver dollars will be on sale for two months starting Feb. 8. The coins, discovered in government vaults in the 1960s, will cost from \$20 to \$42, depending on date and condition.

Nearly a quarter-million collectors already have requested order forms. If you haven't, write your name, address, and Zip Code on a postcard and send it to Carson City Silver Dollars, San Francisco, Cal. 94170.

- Coins made in the new year usually begin to appear in circulation by March. Many collectors are anxiously awaiting the 1980 editions because the Philadelphia Mint is placing a "P" mint mark on all of its new coins, except the cent.

- Several more extraordinary rarities from the famed Garrett collection will be auctioned during 1980 (March 26-28 in Los Angeles and Oct. 1-3 in New York). Coins sold at the first Garrett auction last month broke many price records.

- The second (and last) Carson City dollar sale will likely start in May. The government will unload about 55,000 rarer-date coins this time, but it has not yet announced prices.